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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002 (Paper No. 5). This response is being timely filed on or before January 21, 2003 (as January 18th is a Saturday and January 20th is a federal holiday), in view of the simultaneous filing of a three-month Petition for Extension of Time and including payment of fees.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1, without prejudice, to read as follows, including the changes shown in the attached Marked-Up Version of the Claims in which additions are shown by underlining and deletions are shown in brackets:

(Twice Amended) A polymer electrolyte fuel cell comprising a unit cell --1. composed of a polymer electrolyte membrane, a cathode and an anode each having a catalyst